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Mr. McCarran, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4969]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 4969) for the relief of Susa Yukiko Thomason, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant a waiver of the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the stepchild of a citizen of the United States. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 12-year-old native and citizen of Japan whose mother was married on June 27, 1951, to Staff Sgt. Henry A. Thomason, a citizen of the United States on duty with our Armed Forces in Japan. Sergeant Thomason has legally adopted the child. Mrs. Thomason is eligible for admission into the United States under the provisions of Public Law 717 of the Eighty-first Congress, as amended by Public Law 6 of the Eighty-second Congress, which authorizes the admission of the alien spouses of citizen servicemen or honorably discharged veterans.

Congressman A. Sidney Camp, the author of the bill, has submitted to the chairman of a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in support of the bill:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., August 1, 1951.

Hon. FRANCIS E. WALTER,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR JUDGE: Staff Sgt. Henry Allen Thomason, 6124th Base Supply Squadron, Ashiya Air Base, now serving in Japan, aged 31, is a native and resident of the city of La Grange, Troup County, Ga., in the district I represent in Congress. He is a member of a highly respected, pioneer family of his community and is of sterling character and reputation.

On June 27, 1951, at the American consulate building in the city of Fukuoka, Japan, in the presence of Thomas W. Ainsworth, vice consul, he was united in marriage to one Susa Wakako, aged 37, a subject of Japan. At the time of their marriage, Susa Wakako was the mother of a 12-year-old child, Susa Yukiko, and the said Staff Sgt. Henry Allen Thomason legally adopted the said child on July 3, 1951.

Staff Sergeant Thomason is due to be discharged from the Army in September 1951, and desires to bring his wife and child home with him. The above-captioned bill was introduced so as to permit him to bring the adopted child home with them.

I will appreciate it very much if you can expedite hearings and report on the bill, so that we may secure early passage of the same in order to accommodate this soldier.

With highest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. SIDNEY CAMP, M. C.

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE,
APO 1105, c/o POSTMASTER,
July 9, 1951, San Francisco, Calif.

Staff Sgt. HENRY A. THOMASON,
6124th Base Service Squadron, APO 75.

SIR: In reply to your recent inquiry concerning the possibility of taking your adopted daughter Sachiko Susa Thomason to the United States, you are informed that the present immigration laws of the United States do not provide for the immigration to the United States of aliens 50 percent or more of the Japanese race, except for certain special categories which would not appear applicable to the case of your adopted daughter. Adoption by an American citizen parent or parents does not of itself change the status of an alien child with respect to the immigration laws.

It therefore appears that your adopted daughter would be admissible to the United States for permanent residence only through special authorization by the Congress of the United States exempting her from the provisions of the present immigration laws with respect to racial eligibility for immigration.

It may be mentioned that the report of adoption of Sachiko Susa, dated July 3, 1951, which you exhibited at this office appears to be in due form under the pertinent provisions of Japanese law.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS W. AINSWORTH,
American Vice Consul.

6124TH BASE SERVICE SQUADRON,
6122D AIR BASE GROUP (T/D)
APO 75, August 6, 1951.

Hon. A. SIDNEY CAMP,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. CAMP: In regard to your letter of June 26 to Lt. Lewis W. Hull concerning a statement with reference to Staff Sgt. Henry Thomason, I am pleased to state that this airman has adhered to Air Force standards as to civil and military conduct. He has no record of convictions by courts martial nor squadron punishment.

Sincerely,

ARMOUR G. MCDANIEL,
Major, USAF, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS, SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND
TWENTY-SECOND AIR BASE GROUP (T/D),
APO 75, BASE LEGAL OFFICE,
July 9, 1951.

Subject: Translation of census register.

Legal residence: 1705–1, Ooaza-Ashiya, Ashiya-machi, Onga-gun, Fukuoka-ken.
Name: Susa Wakako.
Date of birth: July 18, 1913.
Father's name: Susa Bennosuke (deceased).
Mother's name: Susa Michi (deceased).
Relationship: First daughter.

Received a report from Susa Bennosuke, father, that Wakako was born at the afore-mentioned legal residence on July 18, 1913, and registered the above fact as of July 24, 1913.

Received a report of returning to her previous maiden name because of her husband Yoshida Kintaro's death, and her register was transferred from Yoshida Saburo's registration, 1671, Ooaza-Ashiya, Ashiya-machi, Onga-gun, and registered as of September 6, 1950.

The mayor of Fukuoka city received the marriage report that Wakako married with Henry Allen Thomason, R. F. D. No. 5, La Grange, Ga., United States of America, and registered the fact as of July 3, 1951.

Name: Susa Yukiko.
Date of birth: April 20, 1939.
Father's name: Yoshida Kintaro (deceased).
Mother's name: Susa Wakako.
Relationship: First daughter.

Received a report from Yoshida Kintaro, father, that Sachiko was born at the afore-mentioned legal residence on April 20, 1939.

Received a report of successing her mother's last name on November 13, 1950, and transferred her register from Yoshida Saburo's registration, 1671, Ooaza-Ashiya, Ashiya-machi, Onga-gun, Fukuoka-ken.

The mayor of Fukuoka city received a report of adoption from adoptive father and real mother, Susa Wakako, who gave a consent to this adoption case and has a mother's right legally, that Sachiko was adopted by Henry Allen Thomason, R. F. D. No. 5, La Grange, Ga., United States of America, and registered the above fact as of July 3, 1951.

It is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original census register in this office.

KUROYAMA TAKAMARO,
Mayor of Ashiya Town, Onga-gun, Fukuoka-ken.

I, Nishizawa Akio, being duly sworn and having a knowledge of both the English and Japanese languages have truly transcribed into English from the original Japanese document known as "Koseki Tohon," the above translation.

NISHIZAWA AKIO,
Interpreter, Base Legal Office.

Subscribed and sworn before me on this date 12th of July 1951.

LEWIS W. HULL,
First Lieutenant USAF, Assistant Base Legal Officer.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 4969) should be enacted.

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